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1. SUMMARY: NEWSPAPER COVERAGE OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S AFRICA TRIP
AND RELATED EVENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. WASHINGTON POST FEB. 6 STORY ON PAGE 14, ACCOMPANIED
BY FOUR-COLUMN PHOTO OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG CONFERRING WITH PRESIDNET
KAUNDA, LARGELY A REWRITE OF AP, HEADLINED QUOTE KAUNDA
URGES U.S. TO PLAY KEY ROLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. UNQUOTE.
STORY SAYS AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND PRESIDENT KAUNDA MET FOR
70 MINUTES AND THEN KAUNDA TOLD PRESS QUOTE AT THE MOMENT
BRITAIN IS THE COLONIAL POWER, BUT BRITAIN HAS NOT GOT THE
WILL OR ABILITY TO HELP THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY SOLVE
THE PROBLEMWE HAVE A LOT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE CARTER
ADMINISTRATION.... NOW WE ARE ENGAGED IN ARMED STRUGGLE. U.S.
INTERVENTION OF A PEACEFUL KIND SHOULD BE AIMED AT AVOIDING
UNNECESSARY BLOODSHED. UNQUOTE. STORY ALSO SAYS QUOTE YOUNG
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TOLD REPORTERS HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH AFRICAN LEADERS HERE
WERE FAR MORE SUBSTANTIVE AND EVEN MODERATE THAN THEIR PUBLIC
STATEMENTS AND HIS BRIEFING NOTES HAD LED HIM TO EXPECT. I
REGRET MORE OF THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS DID NOT COME....ONE
OF THE MOST WHOLESOME THINGS ABOUT OUR ADMINISTRATION IS THAT....IT
WON'T BE PARANOID ABOUT COMMUNISM. YOUNG ELABORATED ON A
STATEMENT HE MADE LAST MONTH IN WHICH HE SAID TROOPS HAD

HELPED PROVIDE STABILITY IN ANGOLA. YOUNG SAID HE HAD BEEN THINKING ONLY OF PRACTICAL MATTERS SUCH AS GETTING WATER PUMPS RUNNING AFTER PORTUGUESE TECHNICIANS FLED THE COUNTRY. INNER QUOTE I NEVER MEANT TO IMPLY THAT HEAVY MILITARY INTERVENTION WAS A STABILIZING FORCE. END QUOTE.

3. ACCOMPANYING WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE BY ROGER MANN FROM NAIROBI HEADLINED QUOTE A TROUBLED CELEBRATION IN ZANZIBAR UNQUOTE. STORY SAYS QUOTE TANZANIA HAS FAILED TO ESTABLISH A VIABLE AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY OR TO BRING AUTONOMOUS-MINDED ZANZIBAR INTO STEP WITH THE REST OF THE NATION. THE CELEBRATIONS WERE MARRED BY A STEADILY WORSENING ROW WITH ITS NEIGHBOR....KENYA IT IS EQUALIZATION OF WEALTH THAT STILL DRAWS PRAISE FOR THE SOCIALIST EXPERIMENT, BUT RATHER THAN THE RICH AND POOR FINDING A COMMON STANDARD SOMEWHERE IN THE MIDDLE, THE WHOLE COUNTRY SEEMS TO HAVE SUNK FROM THE EUPHORIA OF A DECADE AGO INTO A COLLECTIVE STATE OF POVERTY AND GLOOM. UNQUOTE.

4. WASHINGTON POST FEB. 6 BACK PAGE OUTLOOK SECTION CARRYS THREE-COLUMN CARTOON BY JOHN TWOHEY DEPICTING PRESIDENT CARTER AS A QUOTE VENTRILOQUIST EXTRAORDINAIRE UNQUOTE WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND SECRETARY VANCE ON HIS KNEES. THE CAPTION UNDERNEATH READ QUOTE WASHINGTON-- THREE TIMES IN SEVEN DAYS, CYRUS VANCE DISAGREED IN PUBLIC WITH FOREIGN POLICY PRONOUNCEMENTS BY U.N. AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG. UNQUOTE.

5. WASHINGTON STAR FEB. 6 PAGE FOUR AP ARTICLE UNDER UNCLASSIFIED

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HEADING QUOTE YOUNG GETS AFRICA PLEA.UNQUOTE STORY QUOTES PRESIDENT KAUNDA AS ASKING FOR INTERVENTION BY THE U.S. IN SUPPORT OF BLACK MAJORITY RULE AND WARNING QUOTE TIME IS SHORT UNQUOTE.

6. BALTIMORE SUN FEB. 6 PAGE TWO SAME AP ARTICLE UNDER HEADING QUOTE KAUNDA ASKS U.S. ROLE IN AFRICA UNQUOTE

7. NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE FEB. 6 ARTICLE TEXT ON AMBASSADOR YOUNG SENT EARLIER CABLE. SHORT UPI ON PAGE 5 ON PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S COMMENTS. ALSO, OUTLOOK SECTION IN A SUMMARY ON QUOTE THE U.S. AND ITS AFRICA POLICY UNQUOTE SAID QUOTE NOW, IN A SENSE, IT IS THE UNITED STATES TURN, ALTHOUGH WASHINGTON STILL WANTS THE BRITISH TO PLAY THE PRINCIPAL MEDIATOR ROLE....MR. YOUNG HIMSELF HAS SAID HE CARRIES NO NEW PROPOSALS....MR. VANCE ENDORSED MOST OF THE KISSINGER POLICY BUT INDICATED SOME CHANGES IN ATTITUDE THAT COULD INFLUENCE WASHINGTON'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SEARCH FOR AFRICAN PEACE....MR.

VANCE....WHILE SAYING THAT PRESENCE OF OUTSIDE FORCES WAS NOT HELPFUL, LEFT OPEN THE POSSIBILITY THAT TALKS AIMED AT ESTABLISHING NORMAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CUBA COULD BEGIN BEFORE THE CUBANS WITHDREW FROM ANGOLA. THE IMPRESSION HE CREATED WAS THAT WASHINGTON WOULD CONTINUE TO TRY TO EXERT PRESSURE ON THE SMITH REGIME, ECONOMICALLY BY REPEAL OF THE BYRD AMENDMENT AND DIPLOMATICALLY THROUGH SOUTH AFRICA, WHILE USING OPPORTUNITIES SUCH AS THAT PROVIDED BY MR. YOUNG'S TRIP TO KEEP THE PARTIES IMMEDIATELY CONCERNED TALKING INSTEAD OF FIGHTING. UNQUOTE.

8. WASHINGTON STAR ON FEB. 5 ON OP-EDITORIAL PAGE CARRIED COMMENTARY BY JOHN P. ROCHE UNDER HEADING QUOTE SOME OTHER RACISTS FOR YOUNG TO SURVEY. UNQUOTE. ACCORDING TO ROCHE, AMBASSADOR YOUNG HAS SAID QUOTE IN ESSENCE THE CUBANS HAD SUBSTITUTED STABILITY FOR CHAOS IN ANGOLA AND THIS WAS A GOOD THING PRESUMABLE BECAUSE YOU CAN NEGOTIATE UNCLASSIFIED

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WITH STABILITY BUT NOT WITH CHAOS. SOME OF US WITH LONG MEMORIES HAVE HEARD THIS LOGIC BEFORE: IT WAS WIDELY EMPLOYED IN APPEASEMENT CIRCLES IN THE LATE 1930S TO JUSTIFY HITLER'S SEIZURE OF AUSTRIA, WHICH WAS RIVEN BY INTERNAL DISORDER, AND GERMAN AND ITALIAN INTERVENTION IN THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR AGAINST THE REPUBLIC....IF AGOSTINHO NETO'S MOSCOW-BACKED ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT CAN, WITH CUBAN AID, SUBDUE THE NON-COMMUNIST BLACK LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, DOUBTLESS CASTRO WILL BE QUITE OBLIGING. BUT WHERE DOES THIS LEAVE THOSE WHO PREFER CHAOS TO THE MOSCOW-ORIENTED BLACK DICTATORSHIP? WELL, TO PICK UP YOUNG'S REMARKS, I GUESS ITS MAKES US RACISTS. THE AMBASSADOR ONCE AIRBORNE, REALLY TURNED ON THE BACKBURNERS. HE SEES RACISM, NOT COMMUNISM, AS THE BIG PROBLEM IN THE WORLD: INNER QUOTE I SHARE THE TOTAL ABHORRENCE TO RACISM WHICH IS CHARACTERISTIC OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE WORLD. MOST COLORED PEOPLE OF THE WORLD ARE NOT AFRAID OF COMMUNISM. MAYBE THAT'S WRONG, BUT COMMUNISM HAS NEVER BEEN A THEAT TO ME. I COULD NEVER SUPPORT THAT SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT. BUT --IT'S NEVER BEEN A THREAT. END INNER QUOTE. THE MAIN DIFFICULT WITH THIS STATEMENT IS IT IS FALSE. ALAS, PROBABLY 95 PERCENT OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION IS RACISTS, WITH 800 MILLION CHINESE LEADING THE PARADE. WHAT THE AMBASSADOR UNDOUBTEDLY MEANT TO SAY WAS THAT TWO-THIRDS OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION ABHORS WHITE RACISM. PROBABLY HE IS RIGHT, BUT, AND THIS IS THE ESSENTIAL POINT, THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD HAVE NO FAVORITE BRANDS OF RACISM. UNQUOTE BENNETT

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